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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. [REDACTED] CHANG Ting-ch'ang (張鼎丞), commander of the Fukien Military District; LIN Tsun (林遵), deputy naval commander ¹; YEH Fei (葉飛), deputy commander ², 10 Army Group; and Soviet Adviser K'ai-chi-fu (凱紀夫) secretly inspected coastal defenses in Ch'angle (119-34, 25-56) and islands at the mouth of the Min (119- , 26-) River. [REDACTED]

2. The objectives of their inspection were:

- a. To strengthen coastal defenses in the Foochow area to prevent Nationalist guerrilla activities.
- b. To construct new gun emplacements at Minan (119-29, 26-02), Mawei (119-26, 25-59), Huangshan (118-22, 24-49), and on Huangch'i (120-21, 27-06) Island.
- c. To strengthen the organization of the fishermen's corps of the East China Naval Command. Although this corps had been assigned to collect intelligence on the Chinese Nationalists, it was not doing a good job and some of its members had been bribed by Nationalist guerrillas to work for them.
- d. To boost troop morale along the Fukien coast, since 420 officers stationed in this area had been charged with corruption under the three anti's movement.

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3. In late March YEH Chien-ying, with the assistance of Soviet advisers, drew up the following Kwangtung defense plan, based on the assumption that an enemy would attack Canton by landing in the Bias Bay area as the Japanese did in 1938: ³

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- a. To make a defense line from Swatow along the coastal Bias Bay area, extending inland to Huiyang (114-26, 23-05).
- b. To make a secondary defense line from the Huiyang area along the coast to the Langchiang (111-53, 21-52) area.

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1. Comment. Presumably deputy naval commander of East China Area is intended.

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2. Comment. YEH Fei has been previously reported as commander.

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3. Comment. The only real obstacle to an attack on Canton from Bias Bay is the East River, in the Huiyang and Shihlung (113-51, 23-07) areas.

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